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**CIA recruits NYPD's aid
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Responding to requests from the Central Intelligence Agency, the New York City Police Department is making members of the city's force available as temporary agents for counterterrorism operations abroad.

A CIA spokesman, Cathy Pherson, said last week that New York's department was among 18 major municipal police agencies in the country that had been asked recently for assistance in enlisting experienced investigators for the temporary assignments.

"It is a very specific program," she said. "Sometimes the police have the sorts of investigative skills and training you can quickly put to use."

New York's police commissioner, Benjamin Ward, said in an interview that the director of central intelligence, William J. Casey, urged him and top officials from the other police departments at a meeting in July to help the recruitment project.

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